


HEART OF THE VALLEY HOMEBREWERS



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This Month's Meeting

The Heart of the Valley Homebrew Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month, alternating between Corvallis and Albany. The October monthly meeting will be at Corvallis Brewing Supply at 7:00 PM on October 19.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Litter Patrol – Hyak Park – October 23 (if road construction is done)

HOTV Christmas Party – December 10 at Ron and Jenny Hall's

Holiday Ale Festival Portland
November 30 – December 4
<http://holidayale.com/index.php>

Chatoe Rogue Pumpkin Patch Party
December 16, 2011

Westmoreland and Sellwood Brewfest
Portland, OR October 15 and 16
<http://brewpublic.com/brewpubs/westmoreland-sellwood-brewfest-portland-u-brew-2/>

Links to More Beer Events and Information in our area can be found at:

<http://www.portlandbeer.org/>

<http://beervana.blogspot.com/>

<http://beernorthwest.blogspot.com/>

<http://brewpublic.com/>

President's Corner

Greetings and Salutations HOTV'ers,

Next meeting we will be nominating club officers. Please do your best to be present. There are positions that will need to be filled due to officers stepping down or moving away from the area. Please consider running for a position, the club is only as strong as its members and its leadership.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Brewing
Armand Schoppy

Vice President's Corner

Ron Hall has graciously offered to host the 2011 HOTV Christmas Party again this year on December 10. Thank you Ron and Jenny!

Bob Saathoff is organizing a trip to the Holiday Ale Festival in Portland. Contact Bob for more details.

Last Month's Meeting

September 21, 2011

7:25– Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Armand at 7:30; 15 members in attendance.

President's Welcome (Armand)

Thanks to Irene for hosting the meeting; reminder that next week is club nominations for the next years officers; November is when we vote; the Christmas Party in December;

Treasurer's Report (John Sterner); John sent an email, September receipts were up about \$4K from last year; expenses are not all in at this point; club discusses the issue with the "Virginia Tech" glasses;

Vice President's Report (Louis Hans); pub crawl to Portland or Eugene to Fresh Hop Festival; both Fests are October 8th; Louis will look into renting bus; will put out an email to gauge club interest; Eugene Fest is at Fairgrounds; Picnic: gather all receipts to see how much it cost; even with donated beer the picnic costs were \$400 - \$500; park rental was \$85 but facilities were very good; may need to up money set aside for picnic in budget; the board will review the budget for the picnic to see if more money is needed; the Christmas Party will be at Ron and Jenny's again; December 10th is the date for the Christmas Party;

Septemberfest Report (Scott Caul)

Joel reports for Scott; general ideas is the Festival was a success; glass count was 1900; wrist bands (paying entries) was almost 2000; volunteer party TBA; any thoughts or concerns about last, this, next year... put it in an email so Joel and Scott can review; Scott will have post Fest meeting to evaluate... Joel will give a report to the Board on results;

Education Report (Christiane Loehr)

Karen subs with report on State Fair demonstration;

Litter Patrol Report (Armand Schoppy);

Litter patrol was postponed due to Hwy 20 construction; new date will be October 23;

Competition Report (Mort Piripi); no Fosters at Mort's going away party; The party is at Patrick's place but game should be over by 4 PM so parking will be okay; Mort needs NJ, FL, TX, and some others; Mort will send an email with what he needs;

Recent Board activity (Bill Baxter): Board had successful meeting; still working on survey, topic list; should be out in the next month before elections; MCAB duties for competition chair; yearly MCAB entry point but need

more experienced judges before we can host a competition; If we host a competition, we get paid and get to judge really good beer (first place in each category);

Mixed Bag

- Rogue Brew Days (Bill Baxter) Natasha wants HOTV to do a brew but chickens have been running around the brew house; Bill insists brew house has been cleaned but Bill wants more – bleach at least – Sunday may be too soon for a brew; Club gets \$0.10 a pint for brew; Natasha said we can bring and drink our own beer in Brew House; Do we want to maintain relationship with Rogue? We will not be brewing at Rogue this Sunday;
- Hop and Heritage Festival & Stuff (Marshall) Email for HHF; Club will be brewing at 10 AM and 4 PM; Marshal will head up demo but does not want to deprive anyone who wants to do one of the demos; answer questions, talk about beer; talk brewing and promote club; Club members are encouraged to attend; several club members are volunteering to serve beer at event;
- Club brew days & monthly meetings: Joel will host next meeting on October 19 at Corvallis Brewing Supply;
- Open Forum: Bob – The Holiday Ale Fest on Friday December 2; let Bob know if you want to make a trip to Portland;

Raffle Karen “wins” the raffle and will be the Competition chair until December 31; also wins two organic cucumbers and a bottle of Farm House Ale Seizoen Bretta;

Meeting is adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Upcoming Homebrew Competition Information

Intern Competition Chair Karen Hans

With the departure of Competition Chair Mort, HOTV needs a new Chair! Please submit your nominations, including yourself, for this coveted and highly respected position.

November Fest Kent WA Deadline: November 2, 2011

<http://www.wahomebrewers.org/novemberfest/>

Southern Nevada Ale Fermenters Union Las Vegas NV Deadline: October 15, 2011

<http://snafubrew.com/>

A comprehensive list of all the scheduled homebrew competitions can be found at:

http://www.bjcp.org/apps/comp_schedule/competition_schedule.php

During the club meeting before entries are due, HOTV members can bring in their beers for consideration into the AHA Club Only competitions. Beers will be judged side-by-side by BJCP certified club members (and anyone else who wants to try them). We'll select one beer to enter to represent our club and the club will pay the shipping (ground only) and entry fee. The winner is responsible for the packaging and getting the entry down to Joel's shop in time to make it by the deadline.

HOTV CLUB EQUIPMENT

by Joel Rea

Our club has brew gear that is available for members to use. All of the items reside at Corvallis Brewing Supply. If you check out a piece of club equipment, please clean and return it to Corvallis Brewing Supply as soon as possible for other members to use. There is a one week check out limit unless pre-arranged with the equipment dude...that would be me.

- RIMS (Recirculating Infusion Mash System) Due to the tenacity of this piece of equipment I would strongly suggest that you have a training brew session with someone who has experience in using it.
- Motorized Grain Mill
- CO₂ kit - Includes CO₂ bottle, regulator and tool box full of draft parts
- Oxygen Bottle and Infusion Stone
- Counter Pressure Bottle Filler
- Low-Pressure Burner with tank
- 12 gallon Stainless Steel Liquor Tank
- 15 gallon Stainless Steel Mashtun / Lautertun
- Bench Capper
- 10 gallon Cornelious Keg
- AHA Style Guidelines Books 1-8

If you have a piece of equipment that is collecting dust and you would like to donate it to the club please let me know. –Joel

PRESIDENT: Armand Schoppy

VICE PRESIDENT: Louis Hans

TREASURER: John Sterner

SECRETARY/NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Karen Hans

FESTIVAL CHAIR: Scott Caul

COMPETITION CHAIR: Karen Hans

EDUCATION CHAIR: Christiane Lohr

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